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SUBJECT: SWEDISH RESPONSE TO DEMARCHE REGARDING THE AD-HOC
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On June 2, Acting Economic Counselor shared reftel points with Deputy Director Maria Linderyd and Desk Officer Maria Velasco Ullenhag, Middle East and North Africa Department, at the Swedish MFA. Linderyd commented that Sweden remains strongly committed to the support of the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the Palestinians. She stated that Sweden has pledged some \$92.6 million in 2009, of which about \$62 million has already been paid in humanitarian support this year. Velasco Ullenhag said that Sweden has also allocated \$6.5 million in direct support to the PA in the 2009 budget and is currently preparing to re-allocate extra short-term funds to partners in Gaza, primarily through NGOs. The Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) expects to make a decision regarding the dispersal of these funds shortly. Post will report any additional information septel.

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